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Blues in a Minor Key

By Rand Elliot Rueter

Jonny Lang, Mike Welch, and Storm Nilson have several things in common. They are all exceptionally talented blues guitarists. They all sing well. They have to be driven to jobs. It's not a DUI thing or a broke down motor, they're all too young to drive. Now that's a reason to sing the blues.

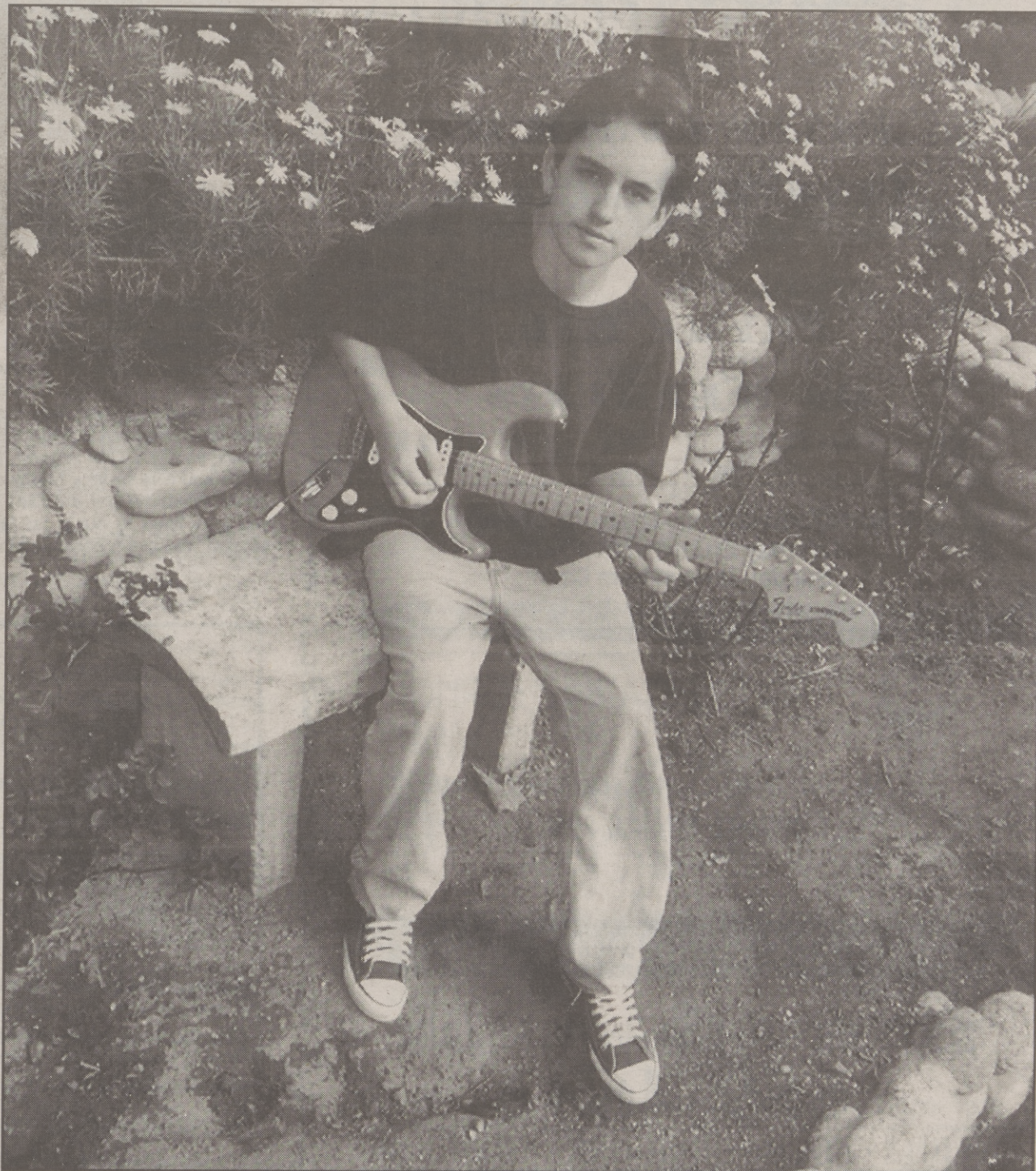
We're up against a potential contradiction here if you are a blues purist. These guys are very young, white, and technically proficient. Some people would walk away without listening. Big mistake.

Back in the dark ages when I was a teenager hanging around the north side of Chicago, guitar players had secret chords. They wouldn't share a trademark lick or run for blood or money. Part of paying your dues was figuring out how they did it, so you could do it too. Along came videos and digital audio. Stop the video, look at the fingers ... done animal.

This is not a forty miles to school uphill both ways old guy gripe. This is wonderful. These guys get to skip ten years of slugging and start out playing real music. Which they can do. It still takes talent, it still takes desire and it still takes luck. These guys have all three. Storm played at the Fireman's Ball, the Carmel Valley Jazz Festival and sat in with Nickel and a Nail at the Night at the Buckeye benefit for the Carmel Valley Library on February 8 and held his own just fine thanks.

Jonny Lang has a great album out on A&M. Mike Welch has a great album out on Tone Cool. Storm Nilson just recorded a four song EP. Storm is from Carmel Valley and will be at the Squid Festival, the Blues Festival, the Monterey Pop festival and several other events this summer. Go see him, it will be worth the ticket and hey, your kids can get in if he can.

Rand Elliot Rueter hosts "The Blues Bus" on KPIG, 107.5 FM and is currently the lead singer/guitarist for Blues Bait and Nickel and a Nail.



Thirteen year old blues guitarist Storm Nilson at his home in Carmel Valley. Storm's mom, Cynthia D'Vincent, suggested to her son that he dress up as a girl to get in the clubs to play but Storm declined because he wouldn't want to be a girl all night. Look for Storm sneaking into a blues club near you. Photo - Elizabeth Cowley

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Here We Are



Welcome to the first issue of The Sun Entertainment, Recreation, and News Weekly. Your hosts (Joanna Langfield, on left, and Elizabeth Cowley, on right) hope to serve this community well. We will strive to inform and encourage discourse (see Civil Disagreement page 11), challenge you (see "Bobby" page 13), and entertain through the Nightlife section (try "The Guy About Town" page 7, and "What's Going On" page 10), interest you (see Glass House page 6), and keep you abreast of the Valley scene (see River Ramblings page 4 and Your World and Mine page 13.) As the readership grows, as well as our support, we will add features to our format, so stay tuned. Watch for us and give us your feedback, this is your paper too and we want to know what you think. We know that you can't be 'All things to All people' but we do want to hear from you and listen to our most faithful readers. We appreciate all the kind words and support we have received and we will strive to continue to deserve your faith and trust.

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Self proclaimed "Prisoner of Water" Paul Bruno rallied for a no vote on Measure A at the February 13 MPWMD Meeting.
Photo - Elizabeth Cowley

News

Water Board Votes to Oppose POWR

By Elizabeth Cowley

The Monterey Peninsula Water Management District (MPWMD) voted 5-2 to officially oppose Measure A at a special meeting held on February 13, 1997. Directors Haddad and Potter voted in favor of Measure A.

Measure A, also known as the Protect Our Water Resources (POWR) initiative, qualified for a public vote in September and ballots were mailed the week of February 10, 1997 and are due by March 4, 1997.

If adopted, the POWR initiative would prohibit the MPWMD from allocating water for new hookups or expanding the Cal-Am service area until a secure water source is found for current residents. Currently the MPWMD has a 10,730 acre foot deficit according to State Water Resources Control Board Order 95-10 which ruled that Cal-Am does not have a legal right to, and must replace, 10,730 acre feet it has been diverting from the Carmel River. POWR recommends that the MPWMD seek voter approval prior to

spending over one million dollars on any water project. POWR would also prohibit the transfer or other authorization of New Los Padres Dam permits without a public vote.

Cal-Am has announced its intent to construct a no-growth Carmel River Dam which is physically identical to the New Los Padres Dam which was turned down by the voters in November of 1995. A dam would solve the 10,730 acre foot

deficit but Directors Potter and Haddad voted in favor of Measure A primarily because the voters rejected the New Los Padres Dam and they don't want to see Cal-Am build a dam without voter approval. Director Haddad emphasized his position with a sign in front of his seat stating "No Means No".

There is still some question as to whether POWR would prohibit the "licensing" of New Los Padres Dam permits to Cal-Am. POWR members believe it is clear that licensing dam permits is prohibited under the initiative but the MPWMD disagrees and if Measure A passes this issue will likely be answered in court.

At the February 13 meeting the board accepted a staff report on the potential impacts of Measure A on district activities. Five MPWMD board members voted to oppose Measure A as they believed it is too restraining. However, if Measure A passes, it will be the MPWMD that interprets and implements it.

Sheriffs Log:

February 17, 1997

MONTEREY:

A New Jersey man reports that someone stole his tool box from Laguna Seca, HWY 68. It contained \$4,000 in tools. They were stolen from an unlocked trailer during the INDY car testing weekend.

CARMEL:

A man reported his U Haul rental truck's driver's side window completely shattered, between 1800 HRS last evening and this morning at 0700 HRS while parked on Mesa Drive, in the Hatton Fields area of Carmel. Estimated damage \$200.

Flanders, Baldwin Place and Brookdale Drive have reported an unknown person had vehicle windows shattered or damaged by a BB or Pellet Gun during the night. This is the 2nd act of

vandalism with the past two days. For one of the vehicles, this is the second incident for that vehicle.

CARMEL VALLEY:

A C.V. man has been receiving annoying telephone calls from a former employee he fired over three years ago.

An unknown person(s) cut the end off a garden hose at a C.V. restaurant.

CARMEL:

A former employee used a key to gain entry to a service station in The Highlands. He removed \$120 cash and pumped himself \$5 worth of gasoline. While a surveillance camera recorded his ever move. The manager telephoned him to have the money and the returned before noon today. It was returned just prior to the officer's arrival.

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Valerie Nassetta is launching her "Teens Making a Difference" program. She has already made up shirts for the eager participants.

Teens Making a Difference

By Elizabeth Cowley

Getting teenagers off the streets and giving them something productive to do is Valerie Nassetta's vision for her "Teens Making a Difference" program. Valerie said "This is the time to let our kids know they are a priority to us." She intends to help increase the self esteem of teenagers through providing an organization to facilitate teen participation in community philanthropy and giving them a fun and safe place to go. "There isn't and hasn't been a place for kids to go," Valerie said and added that it is especially important for children in families in which both parents have to work.

Popular commentary pegs teenagers as troublemakers and up to no good but Valerie wants to change this through letting kids know people care about them and she has already rallied a bunch of kids who are eager to volunteer in the

community.

Valerie asked for, and received, support from the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee (CVVIC) at its February 14 meeting at Robles Del Rio Lodge. CVVIC members were enthusiastically supportive of Valerie's plan and hoped to get some volunteers out of the deal to help with its fundraising efforts.

Joe Hertlein, Carmel Valley Community Youth Center Board Member, expressed his full support and offered the use of the community hall in Carmel Valley Village to the Teens Making a Difference program. Hertlein said he would also arrange for Valerie to make a presentation at the Youth Center board meeting on February 27 to see what other assistance the youth center can provide.

Valerie can't do it all by herself, so if you can help with fundraising, organization or just want to work with our local teenagers, call Valerie at 659-5480.



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RIVER RAMBLINGS

By Joseph Hertlein

Welcome to the new Sun Entertainment, Recreation, and News Weekly!

This new paper will be successful if the community actively supports it. I'm looking forward to writing a regular column that will provide information about various organizations and issues in the community. Please share your ideas for topics you would like to see covered.

Carmel Valley is a great place to live, and not just because of the scenery and climate. What especially makes this a wonderful area is the people, for all of us, our friends and neighbors. Knowing and helping your neighbors makes the difference between just living somewhere and truly feeling that one belongs.

There are so many great people and organizations in Carmel Valley, it's hard to know where to begin to recognize and highlight them all. Had the paper been in print a month ago, the big news certainly would have been about another smashing, successful Village Affair sponsored by the Carmel Valley Village Improvement Committee (CVVIC). All the pathways that make it safe to walk around the Village, the Welcome Sign & Garden were made possible through the funds raised and the efforts of CVVIC.

This year's event was again expertly

Chaired by Lory Swiss. Fortunately it didn't rain until after most people arrived and even that didn't dampen spirits. What makes this event so great is not just the delicious food, fine wines, and great auction items, but the togetherness of neighbors who care about the Valley. The event would not be possible without the assistance of many volunteers, and the hospitality of Gordon and Noel Henschel and the staff of Los Laureles Lodge.

Proceeds from this year's event will go towards buying the parcel adjacent to the Community Park. You should have received information in the mail about this great project, Help Our Park. If you haven't, contact Leslie Voss at 659-1111. For the Community's sake now, and for generations to come, contribute as much as you can.

The Park is the physical heart of our community. Neighbors caring for neighbors and programs for youth are the spiritual heart of our community. In this week's edition you read of Valerie Nassetta's efforts to launch a new program for teens. It was serendipitous that this paper and the teen project were both introduced at the CVVIC luncheon on Valentine's Day. What a Sweetheart of opportunity for Carmel Valley. Let's work together to make them both grow and succeed.

Carmel Valley Developments

By Peter Salmons

Peter Salmons, Carmel Valley Property Owners Association Director and Land Use Committee co-chair, gives the lowdown as to what developments are planned, canned, and in progress east of the Carmel Rancho divide.

The proposed 99 unit Carmel Greens project will not go forward and some lots have been sold off.

The Rancho San Carlos project, which included 300 lots, a golf course, a 150 room lodge on 20,000 acres was defeated by the voters. The developer is deciding how to proceed and there is currently a challenge by the Sierra Club regarding the clustering of the units on the property.

The September Ranch project, including 100 lots and 17 inclusionary units on 891 acres has been annexed into the Cal-Am service area however it will not be known if there is sufficient water until the Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is complete. It appears the developer is having difficulty establishing that the Ranch water is separate from the Carmel River Aquifer so the Draft EIR has been delayed. County staff does not know when the draft EIR will be complete.

Construction has begun on 64 single family homes in area "F" of the Carmel Valley Ranch.

A commercial development on 49 acres of the Wolters property (next to the Williams property) is being planned and is consistent with the Carmel Valley Master Plan.

Nader Agha is in the early discussion stage with county staff regarding his plans for 160 low-income senior units and 20 employee units on the property near the Mid Carmel Valley Fire Station.

As of January 1996, the Planning Department reported the Carmel Valley buildout, based on the 20 year Master Plan, to be 572 lots of record, 189 of which have been permitted. Of the 738 new lots/units authorized, 143.5 allocation equivalents have been granted, 594.5 remain. The final tract map for Carmel Valley Ranch deleted 25 lots but Mills College added 4 lots and 1 new caretaker unit so the total 1995 net effect was to add 20 lots to the 1994 remaining lots (574.5). Therefore, the county staff added 20 lots to the total to be created, arriving at 584.5 as the number of lots that can be created as of 1996.

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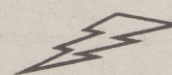
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Architecture

The Glass House

By Neal Owen Kruse

How does that go? People in Glass Houses shouldn't throw stones. The name of this column is not a mere tribute to John Thodos, one of our finest local architects (and a true master of glass), but a statement that nothing will be hidden within the four walls of this column. I have a mission, you might say, to bring to light matters relevant to the dynamic interplay between human community and the man made environment it brings with it. On a more personal level I intend to explore the connection between people and the physical environment we build around us.

I live in the same town I was born in, Carmel, and have spent all but a few years of my life on the Peninsula (I'm 46, if you must know). I remember when the Carmel River flowed year round and was part of more than a few crawdad hunting expeditions in my younger days. I have back packed many a time into the wildernesses which surrounds us. I have a deep and abiding love for untouched nature. I am one of those locals who remembers seeing the valley and our peninsula and county before they were so populated by buildings and cars. There was an altogether different feel to this land before the arrival of the freeways. I had the distinct impression

that this was my own little community and the rest of the world hadn't really found us out. These days, I feel much less of the isolated closeness and intimacy between the locals than I did then. Those of you who have lived here a long time know what I mean.

Yes, I do have a sadness that those days are not with us any longer, but I don't really have any regrets. This incredibly beautiful and special land we call home can never be the private experience of a select few. Nobody is ever going to have a corner on this market. Maybe that's why we think of it as God's country.

I hold a BA degree in Humanistic Psychology. About a week before completing my college education I fell head over heels in love with architecture. It was many years later and many lessons in the school of hard knocks before I began to see the connection between what I had learned about psychology and the realities of designing buildings. Common understanding portrays architecture as mainly an artistic profession. TV often portrays the architect as an arrogant, well dressed, domineering individual ranting and raving about his/her vision and possessed in the throws of tortured

genius.

The problem I have with this portrayal is the role the client always gets, usually nothing more than an awestruck patron of the arts. I have heard it said and may once have even said it myself that architecture would be a lot more fun if the clients would just keep their mouths shut and their check books open. Such was my naïve understanding of architectural design, at least in the beginning, until I discovered the truth of all truths, that architecture is in the eye of the beholder. And which beholder is more important than the one inhabiting the building. All too often, however, a home is designed not for the dweller, but as an expression of the designer's creative skills or out of a need to advance personal reputation. How many designers or architects do you know would be willing to design what they and their colleagues consider an "ugly" or out of vogue house if that was what was needed to fit the neighborhood and the client's needs?

Likewise, when we talk about development and how it changes the character of the landscape, who do we look to for that assessment. In part we look to our neighborhood design review boards, consultants we hire for EIR's and other studies, City Councils, Planning Commissions and Supervisors. That's why we have them, right. That's their job. And we probably have a more thorough review of development in this community than almost any other place on the planet. But these representatives and boards and professionals cannot replace the opinion of an educated citizenry.

For example, there is a very hot debate going on in this community about the degree to which the Board of Supervisors, the Board of Directors of the Water District, the CVPOA and many of our other elected governments are representing the will of the people in decisions related to new development. The environmentalist groups say recent votes show a clear majority of the community is saying we need to slow down new growth. Our representatives tell us they're only following the policies of current land use plans and the dictates of ordinances put in place by the people. Developers and designers accuse environmentalist groups of using devious tactics to block new projects. The environmentalists say they are no more devious than the tactics employed by developers.

What's really going on here? Is there in fact a failure of elected government in the representation of its populace? Is it that our land use plans need revision to suit a new feeling in the community? Is it that the citizens and residents of this area are not really educated enough to understand the new and complicated issues our representatives have to deal with? Are "the people" overreacting?

These are some of the issues involving

how a community establishes the built environment on the political level.

On a personal level, I will talk about the role architecture plays in our personal lives, how it affects our self image, our emotions, our family relationships and practically everything else. Did you know, for example, that our bodies react constantly to the slightest changes in almost any aspect of our environment. Our perceptions of the environment through sight and our other senses affect hormonal balance, heart rate, adrenals systems, mood and just about every other physiological aspect of us. We don't usually assume this because we aren't looking for it. Were always looking with an attention on the same things Architectural Digest and other periodicals focus on, aesthetics and style. We look for the art or architecture and fail to notice its effect on us.

I will also talk about some of the more interesting architectural features in our area. We've had many world renown architects and designers create memorable buildings in our community. You've probably driven past some of them a hundred times and never known it. I would like to be a part of helping our many historic and architectural preservation groups in creating a stronger community wide sense of pride and value in our architectural heritage.

In a nutshell, what I hope to demonstrate in this column is that it is impossible to separate what we feel about ourselves both as individuals and as a community from the shape and quality of what we build around us.

Of course you can email me at NOKruse@msn.com as long as you promise not to expect a response. I can't handle all the email I get as it is. If it is very important to you that I do, please say so.

My statements in this column do not necessarily represent the opinions of this publication or of any of the other organizations or civic or professional groups with which I am or have been affiliated. They are mine and mine alone.

Quote for week:

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Viva Monterey 646-1415	Jonah and the Whalewatchers	Dennis Murphy & his All-Star Band	Dennis Murphy & his All-Star Band	Three Spirits Jar Session with Adr Legg at 7:30 I am Rock, Blues Jazz Jam @ 9PM
Whitey's 646-8383	Blues and Rock Jam Session: Talented Young Musicians Invited; Featuring Joe Lucido 9PM-1AM	Bluesy Brothers	Full Circle featuring: Skip Nelson and Jason Saunders	

The Guy About Town

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on Friday and Saturday nights. I saw my first comedy show at the Planet three weeks ago, and it was a welcomed variation to my normal weekend clubbing agenda. Latin House music is the latest dance phenomena on both coasts and the Lane brothers have committed Monday nights to the craze. It is hosted by local radio station KDON and this weeks special guest is D.J. M.G.

Wednesday night, Whitey's features Mockingbirds guitarist/vocalist and tunesmith Steve Kramer and vocalist Mary Kay performing classic rock standards. Strong vocal harmonies and a can't miss line-up of songs provide more than enough reason to get up off the couch for this mid-week show. Just tape "Party of Five" and watch it later!

Downtown

Guitar virtuoso Adrian Legg holds court at Viva on Sunday, for what is sure to be an amazing exhibition of finesse and technical prowess by the highly acclaimed six string wizard. The amazing thing about a VCR is it can be used on any day of the week. So tape the X-Files and don't miss this one. The festivities begin at 7:30 followed by the regular jazz, rock, and blues jam at 9. Dennis Murphey, bass player for Acoustic Alchemy (whose latest album is nominated for a Grammy Award), and his own local band groove Viva this Friday and Saturday. Murphey's playing is extraordinary and should be scheduled into a well balanced evening on the town. What a difference a day makes. The

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Three Spirits Jam Session with Adrian Legg at 7:30 I am Rock, Blues & Jazz Jam @ 9PM	Acoustic Rock Featuring Randy Baldwin and Friends		
		Acoustical Jam Session w/Robby & Danyel from Unshakable Race	Acoustics w/ Mockingbird

new 180 Club, formerly Nick's Nightclub, is a welcome addition to the downtown wildlife. The swanky chic facelift given to the venue is sure to appeal to the cigar and martini set. Nick Manzo remains at the helm of the Monterey club and says he will focus the live musical entertainment around Jazz and Blues. For a twist the club will host a "Disco" party on Sundays; this is a fad that is proving to be more than a brief flirtation with nostalgia for scensters from L.A. to N.Y. Rumor has it that Boz Skaggs will be appearing at the transformed club in the near future. There is power in collective prayer!

Don't forget that MacGarrett's has KMBY alternative rock night on Fridays. While most agree that the word

alternative has lost all meaning, or at least is misleadingly used to describe bands that clearly are not, this is a good chance to see a variety of local Monterey rock - check out Unshakable Race this weekend. Remember to mention the radio station at the door and get in free.

Shot By Cupid

Props go out to Three Spirits Gallery for there wild Valentines Day bash. The "Erotic Art Show and Party" featured local artisans as well as kick ass music sets from San Francisco's own The Knittles and The Sunshine Club. Oh, and I mustn't forget the no holds barred after party! It is comforting to know that a truly underground scene is alive and well on The Peninsula. Thanks Susan and Brad!

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What's Going On

I Love the Nightlife

With Egan "JJ" Carmen

Okay, I admit it, I love the nightlife. I've denied it long enough (at least to my Mom). There are a myriad of fun things to keep you entertained here on the Peninsula, you've just got to get up off your couch. Let me give you a sample of some of the mad rushes about town I managed to perform last week, (and I had a cold too so wasn't up to my usual club hopping.)

Last Thursday I went to Dino's latest and greatest transformation of Doc's Nightclub for alternative rock night. Dino doesn't charge a cover and, I might add, pours a mean shot of tequila. Last Thursday fantastic local band "GEL" was playing. I don't know if you've seen them but these boys rock (and they're kinda cute too.) Okay, Okay, I know this is nothing new, you've probably sung along with them on the radio. In fact, I was in L.A. last week and the radio station in L.A. (what else The Rock as in KROC for all you bumpkins) was playing your favorite and mine, none other than, yes... "GEL." Now, who can beat that? (Except my friend who saw "The Who" perform on their first American tour in front of 50 people.) I'm going to be telling my grandchildren about this one, I just know it. So, get out there and look for "GEL" before you have to mob your way through to a crush just to get a glimpse with your binoculars.

Fun with dad. I took my father and a bunch of my friend's up to The Blue Fin for his birthday. It was great. We rented half of the back room for the night and challenged each other interminably to game after game. (Even after a flaming red birthday drink Dad always won, and it wasn't charity.) My dad fancies himself to be the incarnation of Minnesota Fats and at 60+ years old he fit in just fine until they kicked us out at about 2 am. The Fin is a comfortable place for young and old, men and women, and youngsters can play pool with their families before 8 PM.

I don't want to ignore Monterey Billiards by any means. After checking out the myriad of interpretations of the human form at the Three Spirits Gallery Erotic Art Show on Valentines Day in Sand City we all went and, yes, shot some more pool at Monterey Billiards. The best is that while shooting pool, we were treated to live music with The Bluesy Brothers. Hey, these guys have John and Dan's moves down to a science and we laughed all night. And don't forget the musicianship of some of our favorites in this band including our own Tom Ayers. Go Tom!

You'd think that would be enough for one week, but no, we stopped in for comedy on Friday night at Planet Gemini which is always a blast though that night I was too beat to see the boy's of Foreign Exchange (Anthony and Frankie) play after. But still, even without them, how can you beat an \$8 cover to see 2 world class comedians? Worth the price of admission any day. I also hear rumors of a future comedy show with something like 5 women comics from HBO going at it. Let's face it, women can say absolutely anything and not get in trouble, so it's no holds barred and my friends and I are definitely going to be there yukking it up. More details about this show as they come floating in over the wire.

Last but not least, just because I'm a Valley Girl (it's true, born and bred in Carmel Valley), I had to pop in at the Running Iron to catch up on all the latest gossip and happenings in the Village. The Clint "Absolute Power" photo conversation had run it's course (I figured 2" more and he would have paid them) so we had to make up our own Village Variety. Sue and Jackie filled me in but it's too juicy to print this week, you'll just have to go and find out yourself and down some of those \$1.50 beers. I'm sure they'll tell all if you just ask. And, be nice to Nelson, geez, he's one of our best and we're lucky he puts up with all of us Valley slobs and our wide eyed visitors.

A tip from Egan: If you're testing your limits of inebriation, please call your local cab driver, not your bail bondsman. Okay, folks, see you next week. I should be over my cold by then and ready to fiesta with the best of them.

What's Hot

By Sally Russell

What exactly is it that makes something hip and happening, or shall we say, exceptional? Is it the convergence of particular elements in a given space and time that creates the magic? How does synchronization sound?

You'll be sure to find a hint of magic if you step into the Red House Café in downtown Pacific Grove; owners Christopher and Laura D'Amelio have created a charming and classic Victorian environment to delight your senses with attractive and personalized service. A lovely fireplace will often blaze the perfect backdrop for your morning coffee and scrumptious pastry. The sage painted rooms are decorated with exquisite taste and attention to detail. Congratulations if you've already discovered this wonderful secret. If not, see you there! Open for breakfast and lunch.

PS Have you seen the black and white photography at Monterey Billiards in Monterey? The artist is David Glover and his photographs add additional flavor to your pool playing outing.

I welcome comments and tips on what you think is hip or exceptional. Have a great day! Please contact me in c/o What's Hot; Sally Russell; 600 E. Franklin #1; Monterey, California 93940.

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Matt Heimbold (guitar) and Shane Tyler (drums) of GEL ripped it up at Doc's last Thursday. Photo - Elizabeth Cowley

A Letter from Chicago:

Chicago is a big, blustery, world class city that lacks nothing when compared to other big cities in America. We have it all here: fine restaurants, theater, opera, power, wealth, organized crime. However, if we do lack something, a least compared to the big towns on the east and west coasts, it's celebrities. Oh, we have a few, but not the kind of celebrities that make the cover of People magazine. We don't have Madonna's, Sting's, or Clint's. Chicago is a first and last name kind of town. If you go by one name, you're probably a pet. The luminaries of the entertainment and fashion worlds don't like to live here, they just visit.

We do have a sort of celebrity intelligentsia that lives in Hyde Park, the community surround by the University of Chicago. At last count, the school had over forty noble laureates on the faculty. They're all a bunch of great guys and gals, but I don't think any have done Leno or Letterman lately.

So we crave celebrities here in Chicago and the way we satisfy our craving is through sports. Our celebrities are the stars of the sporting world. Michael Jordan (two names) must be ranked with Michael Jackson, Pope John Paul II and Princess Di as one of the most recognized names on the planet. We also have a few athletic types who have risen to national celebrity status such as Dennis Rodman. Then we have our local heroes whose fame is limited to the region. Jud Buechler (who?) comes to mind.

Last month, the guy everyone was talking about was Mike Ditka. Mike Ditka, the former coach of the Chicago Bears football team, accepted the job of head coach of the New Orleans Saints. Although Ditka has sat in the broadcast booth for the last four years, he is still a major figure of almost mythic proportions here in Chicago. Ditka is best known as the man who led the Bears to their 1986 Superbowl victory. He is also known as "Da Coach", idolized by the pork chop eating and beer swilling super-fans from the "Saturday Night Live" bit.

But Ditka is also the guy who broke his hand punching a steel locker after a loss in Baltimore. He is the guy who threw a wad of chewing gum into the stands after losing to San Francisco on a Monday night. When a caller to Ditka's radio talk show accused him of being a "cry baby", Ditka responded, "I'm 53 years old and my office is at 250 N. Washington and any time you want to meet me, you tell me what time and when, and I'll whip your ass."

I know it sounds like Ditka is a tough and arrogant bar room brawler, but he is also a softie who will break down and cry when he gets too emotional. I saw him do it last week on the 10 o'clock news while he talked about leaving Chicago.

The day after Ditka announced that he accepted the job in New Orleans, 200 Chicagoans bought season tickets for the Saints 97 season. Travel all the way to New Orleans just to see Ditka coach? You better believe it! Chicagoans love Ditka. He's been a heck of a lot of fun to have around. He's one of our celebrities and we'll miss him. And New Orleans is getting a little bit of Chicago, and that ain't a bad thing.

Yours truly, M. F. Deak

While The Sun humbly believes our home is indisputably the most beautiful place on earth, we hope to bring you the happenings and flavor of other cities and countries. Happy traveling!

Civil Disagreement

With David Dilworth and Ed Lee

David Dilworth and Ed Lee discuss Measure A, also known as the Protect Our Water Resources (POWR) initiative. Ballots have been sent through the mail and are due on March 4, 1997. Read on and be sure to vote!

David Dilworth (Yes on A)

Ed Lee (No on A)

Problems: Water Shortage (Size)

We have a Water shortage.
A shortage happens when you do something you can not sustain.
After 15 years of complaints from local citizens groups the State Water Board order said we are pumping 10,000 acre feet more than we should.
When the Carmel River runs dry at the pumping stations - you have a water shortage.
Even the Opponents admit we have a water shortage in a flyer they handed out at the Seaside debate.

There is no current water shortage. What we have are:
(1) the District's adopted standard to determine how much water can be allocated at any given time and
(2) the State Water Resource Control Board's order to Cal Am to reduce pumping from the Carmel River by two thirds of former public demand.
The Districts adopted standard is that, with the total allocation at any time mandatory rationing of 20% or more shall not occur more than twice in 100 years! This standard was met after the water allocation was made from the new Peralta Well and is still met.
The standard will not be met if Cal Am is blocked from completing its proposed Carmel River dam and the State's order is enforced.

Problems: Water Shortage - Duration

The Peninsula has had a water shortage since 1960 when Cal-Am started pumping Carmel Valley groundwater.

Problems: Water District Allocations

(Water given to Cities and Monterey County for new development)

Since 1980 the District has given out water for almost 7000 new connections to cities and the County. This includes golf courses. (A golf course is only one connection)

Problems: Water Supply Increase

Measure A was never intended to increase the water supply amount.
It was only intended to stop the continual reduction of the water we need for drought protection.

Problems: Solutions

There are two problems - not one.
1) Stopping the leak.
(Stopping water giveouts)
2) Finding new water.
Measure A has only been aimed at problem 1. It solves that problem.
Opponents complain that Measure A doesn't fix Problem 2.
What opponents rarely admit is that their ONLY solution to EITHER problem is the DAM!
Opponents don't want Problem 1 fixed. The worse Problem 1 gets - the more they can force their solution to Problem 2 - the DAM!

To date the only solution of the State's order recognized to by the professionals in the PUC, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and the state and federal environmental bureaucracies as being physically feasible, least costly to water customers and environmentally acceptable is a dam on the Carmel River.

Water District - Track Record

1) In 1995 the District tried to force a Dam on Peninsula Voters - and failed.
Voters turned the Dam down.
2) In 1995 the District tried to sneak a bad EIR for the DAM past the public - and failed.
Judge Silver ruled the EIR was legally flawed.
3) In 1996 the District tried to give away enough water for 600 new homes - 150 acre feet. OUR DROUGHT PROTECTION WATER - and failed. A lawsuit forced them to rescind their decision.
4) In 1995 the District gave away our Community benefit reserve - to be used for hospitals and nursing homes.
5) For this ballot measure they tried to mislead the public - and failed.
Judge Silver ruled their "Impartial Analysis" wasn't. He deleted one sentence and rewrote another.
What the District has succeeded at for the past 20 years is to consistently and irresponsibly give away our drought protection water to new development. Almost 7000 new connections since 1980 - including golf courses. Including Carmel Valley Ranch.

The Water District has two major accomplishments. The former Zone 11 Water Advisory Committee, after the severe but short 1976-77 drought, recommended construction of four new wells west of Schulte Road. The request reached the PUC and Cal Am subsequently applied for the necessary use permits from the County. The new District approved the EIR, recommended that the county approve the use permits and subsequently performed the required mitigation consisting of irrigating the river banks in the zone of influence of the wells. As a result the rationing due to the longer drought in the late 1980s was much less severe than that in 1977.
Later it accepted the responsibility for the ongoing replanting and irrigation of the river banks damaged by previous unmitigated pumping. More recently it has assisted the Carmel River Steelhead Association and the Department of Fish and Game in rescues and transportation to safe habitat of steelhead trapped in the river bed which dries as pumped water is delivered to the community.
The District is properly criticized for the cost and time wasted by the early Boards in studies of bizarre things such as water hyacinth reclamation and review of the augmentation options examined by the former Zone 11 Water Committee.
In recent years the District Boards and staff are to be complemented for tenaciously pursuing and acquiring the some 90, I believe, government permits needed to build a dam on the river.

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Civil Disagreement from page 11

David Dilworth (Yes on A)	Ed Lee (No on A)
Water District - Administrative Impacts	
The Water District is in the Growth Business! They admit 20% of their money comes from NEW water connections. Measure A would eventually stop new connections until our Water Problem is solved.	If Measure A passes the Water District will be responsible for administering the new ordinance as well as continuing its present administrative tasks. The full impact is not, to my knowledge, well understood yet.
Human Impacts - Rationing	
Measure A would keep Rationing from getting worse. It stops the District from giving out the water we need during droughts. Opponents want to scare you by falsely telling you you'll have "severe rationing" if Measure A passes. The Water District's own staff analysis says Measure A will not make rationing worse.	Passage of Measure A will have little or no impact on rationing during the next drought anticipated in the next few years. However, passage may ultimately cause non-drought rationing by the following logic: If the POWR group can gain enough political support to pass Measure A it will likely also be able to stop transfer of the District's permits to Cal Am. This will cost the community dearly, both in time and money, as Cal Am files new applications to get the permit issued to itself. If the ground swell of anti-growth sentiment continues to have political support we can expect an initiative against the dam may will block progress. At the point Cal Am finds it can no longer proceed constructively to solve the problem of the State's order it will, in the effort to stay in compliance with the State's order request the PUC to order or permit rationing as the only remaining option.
Human Impacts - Jobs	
Measure A is not against jobs or additions or remodels - it is about saying "enough!" It is very hard to say "NO." Since we're out of water and the Water Board won't stop, its up to us to say "No" until our water problem is solved.	Further job loss in the building trades will occur as soon as current allocations to cities such as Seaside and Monterey have used up their current allocation. Measure A by allowing no future allocation from new water sources developed in the Seaside region, will stop remodeling which involves new bathrooms or kitchens which require dishwashers etc. all over the peninsula with the possible of Carmel Valley. Some owners of large undeveloped properties are now being granted water rights which are historically superior to some if the rights of Cal Am. They may be exempt from Measure A since with their independent water sources they will likely not need an allocation from the District.
Community Impacts - Water Credits	
FALSE: "Seaside will lose their 40 acre feet of Water Credits." FACT: Seaside will keep all their 40 acre feet of water. Measure A has no effect on already allocated water. Once the cities have an allocation, it can't be taken away. Measure A was written specifically to leave those allocations alone.	It is not clear whether water credits, to use as they see fit, will accrue to individual jurisdictions which have reduced water consumption by conservation.
Community Impacts - Dam	
All the opponents arguments are arguments FOR the Dam. All the opponents are Dam supporters. Measure A's only comment on the Dam is - Make sure the Dam permits aren't transferred without the approval of Peninsula voters.	As discussed previously a dam is the only solution of the State's order recognized to by the professionals in the PUC, the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) and the state and federal environmental bureaucracies as being physically feasible, least costly to water customers and environmentally acceptable is a dam on the Carmel River.
Community Impacts - Growth & Land Use	
No one but an elected official ever gets to vote on a General Plan. Peninsula. Elected officials never turn down development. That's why growth on the Peninsula is out of control.	I and a great many others who have been involved in the process believe that growth and land use are best dealt with by general plan committees, planing departments, city councils and the county Board of Supervisors.
Community Impacts - Democracy	
The Pro-Growth forces have seen Peninsula voters - vote down the Dam and Rancho San Carlos. It is no surprise they don't like you voting on this. The pro-growth opposition has had the support of the Water District for so long they don't want people to vote. They're worried voters might slow the unrestricted giving away of our rationing water to new development. They don't want you voting on issues - especially issues where you could slow unrestricted growth.	There is no question that the initiative process is legal in California. However, I believe the unfettered and irresponsible use of the initiative by special interest groups is a step toward anarchy and ultimately, perhaps to revolution. I make no comment about those who proffered Measure A but it is clear, I think, that I believe the result is neither justified, just nor fair.
Community Impacts - Hospital	
The Hospital has already been approved as reported on the front page of the local section Monterey County Herald January 22 - last month. We should restore the community reserve the Water Board irresponsibly gave out for new development in 1995.	Although Community Hospital's planned expansion to improve service may escape the restrictions of Measure A even if passed, it is likely to be the last such exemption. Future new medical facilities, nursing homes, retirement home and other new care facilities will suffer by the artificial lack of water. That should be a concern to all of us with our rapidly again population.
Community Impacts - Carmel River - Protection - Mitigation - Restoration	
Measure A stops any more increase in pumping of the Carmel River by stopping new water distribution for new development. Measure A insists that "Restoration and protection of the Carmel River Basin and adjoining areas shall continue."	My efforts and the efforts of others who tried to avert the destruction of a vast section of the Carmel River in the late 60s and early 70s failed. I'm sorry. The so called environmental organizations watched and too long remained mute. As a consequence of the PUC hearings in PUC Case 9530 an EIR was approved by the PUC which confirmed what we had been telling the community for years. Sometime after 1978 the newly formed Water District took the responsibility of correcting some of the destruction. Its ongoing mitigation of adverse effects of current and past pumping include replanting the and irrigating the river banks and physically netting and transporting steelhead upstream and down. The former natural river with summer flows will never be restored unless a dam is built!

Discourse in Public

your chance to speak out

Your World and Mine

By Araby Colton

BOOKS!

Yep! They're still out there... books. You don't have to take a class in computer technology, you don't have to invest thousands of dollars in electronic equipment... you just lay a few bucks on the counter and walk out with... yes... a book!

So, for those of us who care about the world outside their own four walls... your world and mine... here are a few suggestions:

When Elephants Weep, by Jeffrey Moussaieff Masson and Susan McCarthy... the emotional life of animals - \$13.95.

Stolen For Profit, by Judith Reitman, award-winning journalist... exposes the animal research industry's shocking secrets - \$12.95.

Science on Trial, by Robert Sharpe, Ph.D... powerful documentation of the failures, misleading results, and missed opportunities of animal research throughout medical history - \$12.95.

Diet for a New America, by John Robbins... Pulitzer-nominated... the devastating full effects of a meat-based diet - \$13.95.

Animal Rights Handbook, by Living Planet Press... everyday ways to save animals... for all ages - \$2.00.

Animals As Teachers & Healers, by Susan Chernak McElroy, Forward by Michael W. Fox, vice-president of the Humane Society of the United States... aren't they all? \$12.95

Simply Vegan, by Debra Wasserman... excellent cookbook, with great vegan recipes - \$12.95.

Grass Roots, Ordinary People Changing America, by Tom Adams... how grass roots activists work effectively, including IDA's Procter & Gamble boycott - \$9.95.

Inhumane Society - The American Way of Exploiting Animals, by Dr. Michael W. Fox... an indictment of the veterinary profession and other animal industries - \$9.95.

The Great Ape Project, edited by Paola Cavalieri and Peter Singer... a profound look at the great apes, their tragedies, and their rights - \$13.95.

Souls of Animals, by Gary Kowalski... a minister looks at the spiritual life and worldly awareness of non-human animals, with photos by nature photographer Art Wolfe - \$8.95.

Animals, Property and the Law, by Gary L. Francione... says William J. Kunstler, Esq., "It is my expectation that this book will provoke our rethinking about the status of animals as property, and the consequent denial of justice that they suffer under the law." \$22.95

I Love Animals and Broccoli, by Debra Wasserman... a fun book of activities for kids and grown-ups - \$5.00.

The Boundless Circle, by Michael W. Fox... considers the spiritual and philosophical roots of animal rights... that humane and compassionate treatment of animals is a spiritual and survival imperative - \$20.00.

"BOBBY"

Four months ago I was tested for HIV and the results came back positive. Before I received my results, I too was ignorant. All I knew was that "it" was a communicable disease exchanged through bodily fluids and needles. If somebody got "it", there was no cure, they died, and "it" was called AIDS.

I had put my trust in the hands of medical, health, and social experts to inform the communities about disease and the different points of view. Since then, I now feel that experts are unwittingly incompetent and the communities are slow to learn. This creates a tragic number of people who are dying.

For the past couple months I have been discussing with my family, friends, coworkers, and acquaintances their knowledge of HIV and AIDS. What I hear most people express is their personal opinion mixed with their desire to understand. Then they combine that with information comprised of television's Evening News and the daily newspaper and regurgitate it all back to me. These people sound as confused, inarticulate, and wishy-washy about what HIV and AIDS are as I sounded. I believe this is because the information is delivered to the media poorly.

According to conventional HIV and AIDS researchers, the results of my test mean I have a virus inside my body that slowly weakens my immune system. If my immune system is weak then I am vulnerable to contract illnesses more easily. My body and its immune system do not have the strength or resilience like those who test negative for HIV.

Therefore, if I do not give my body the attention it demands to build immunity, then presumably I will die of AIDS. To keep myself healthy requires me to eat a certain diet, follow an exercise program and take an assortment of prescribed drugs. The drugs and dosage depends on my viral load, T-cell count and length of time the virus has been lurking in my body; possibly, a change in lifestyle would be required. This was the advice given to me by counselors trained in social health care on the Monterey Peninsula.

I'm not telling you I have the answers or know everything. I was as guilty as everyone else until it happened to me. Since being diagnosed with HIV, it has become essential to figure out what to do. I'm learning that there are theories about HIV and AIDS other than conventional ways of thinking. There are people healing themselves of this pernicious disease. There are hundreds of thousands of journals, books and ideas that go unrecognized that could help us better understand and I intend to become informed.

That is the purpose of this column. I would like to invite you into this small part of my life, the part that is confronting this world's most recent epidemic, on an emotional, physical, spiritual, and human level. I can't promise you anything more than this. I hope this expression serves as a catharsis for me in order to heal. "How do I know that I think until I hear what I say?", wrote Oscar Wilde. Communicating with you may help both of us better understand this crisis. Until next week, take care.

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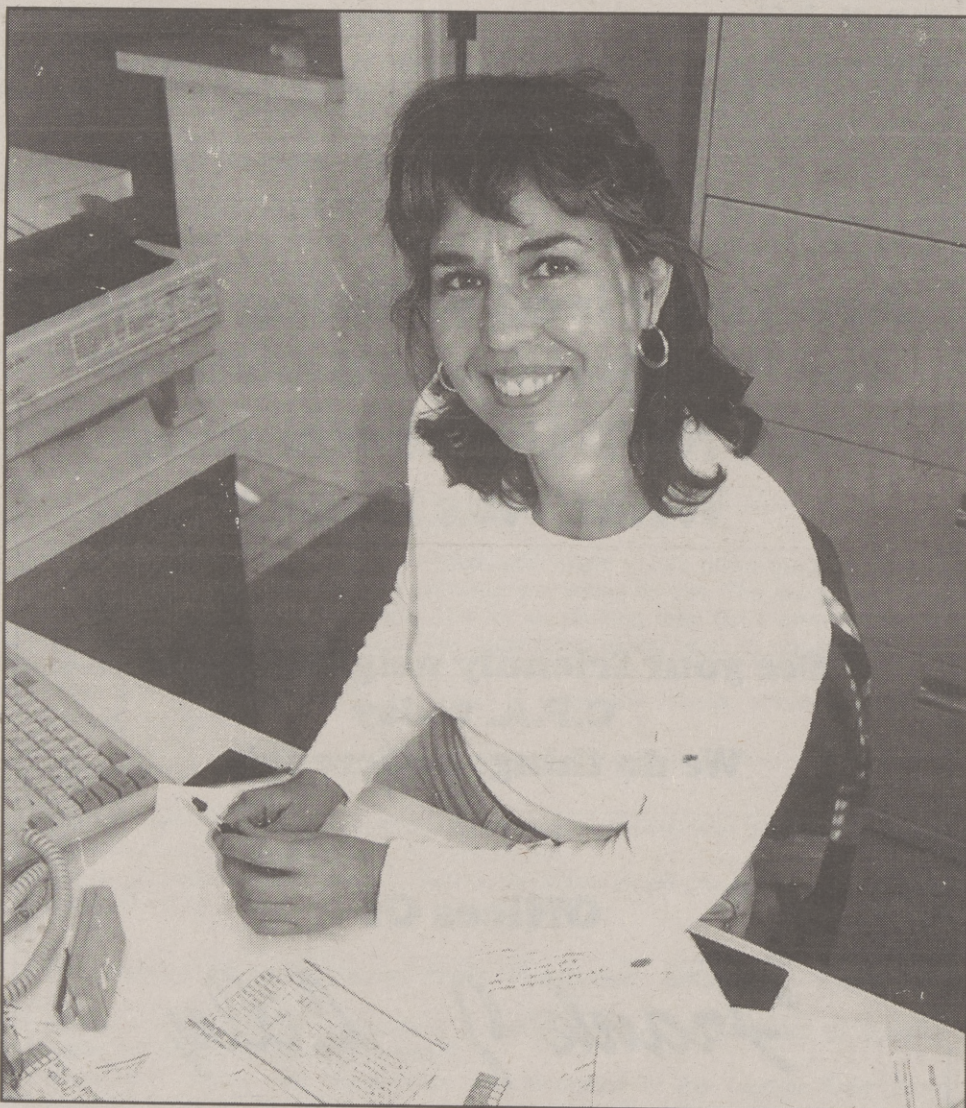
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Unsung Heroes

Good Samaritans are Alive and Well



Carol Eaton has worked at PSTS for 11 years, knows everyone around town, and goes out of her way to help passers by. We were the beneficiaries of her unsolicited kindness when we were looking for a space for The Sun Entertainment, Recreation, and News Weekly. Carol considers herself a good judge of character and we agree since she felt we were worthy of her help that went above and beyond. However, it was obvious that she metes out kindness swift and sure in her day to day life and that has been confirmed by many we've spoken to since. Carol deserves the "Unsung Hero" of the week and we are proud to nominate her for this award.

Sheriff's Log

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February 16, 1997

CARMEL:

A woman reports that two males in a Honda were tailgating her from Hwy 1 at Ft. Ord and followed her to her house. They complained that she cut them off in traffic. She provided their license plate number in case they return.

Night supervisor at the Carmel Mission Inn advised that the night porter discovered that the glass on one of their vending machine's had been smashed. The machine is located in the hallway on the first floor of the North Building. Nothing was taken and there was no suspect information.

CARMEL and CARMEL VALLEY:
Unknown person(s) in a VW Rabbit used a BB or pellet gun to shoot out the window of four parked vehicles at different addresses in Carmel and Carmel Valley, one on Via Petra Dr, another on Brookdale Drive, one on Canda Way and one in Carmel Valley on Schulte Road.

CARMEL, CARMEL VALLEY & PEBBLE BEACH:
Three vehicles had windows broken by unknown projectiles, one on Holt Road in Carmel Valley, one on Spruance Road in Pebble Beach and on on Guadalupe Road in Carmel.

CARMEL VALLEY:

A report was made that an unknown person broke into The Community Youth Center

A male reports that his unsecured residence was entered and a gray colored FAX and telephone answering machine was taken. Nothing else in the residence was disturbed.

A female nurse reports she was called at her employee's residence by a male she knows and made threats toward her over the telephone.

A female reports that a male she knows started yelling at her while she sat on a park bench at The Community Center. The incident stems over bad feelings over a prior eviction.

A report was made by a female upon hearing a door slam inside her residence. The house was checked and there was no sign of a forced entry.

A female called to report concern for her 11 month old niece. Mother of 11 month year old was not English speaking and the Aunt's English was also limited. Contact was made and the 11 month year old was found to be running a slight fever. Carmel regional responded and conducted a physical check. The 11 month year old was found to be okay but advised mother to visit her pediatrician the next day.

Male reported hearing an unknown type animal growling outside his kitchen window. He believed the animal was probably a mountain lion or bobcat. An area check was conducted which met with negative results.

Person called to report receiving a threatening phone call from a known male residing in Carmel Valley.

BIG SUR:

A male reported that someone broke into his cabin and stole several items. They also damaged the rear door.

A female reported that a male was intoxicated and became angry when told to leave. He threw her on the floor and caused several bruises. An emergency protective order has been issued.

February 14, 1997

CARMEL:

While giving a courtesy transport to a subject from Crossroads Shopping Center to CHOMP, the subject had a seizure. He was turned over to the Medical Staff at the hospital.

Patrol observation during a traffic stop and subsequent search of a white Toyota pickup found 22.0 grams of marijuana.

Male reported finding that two of the doors to his home had been tampered with. He found that the hinge pins to the doors had been removed and numerous scratch marks were on the door jamb.

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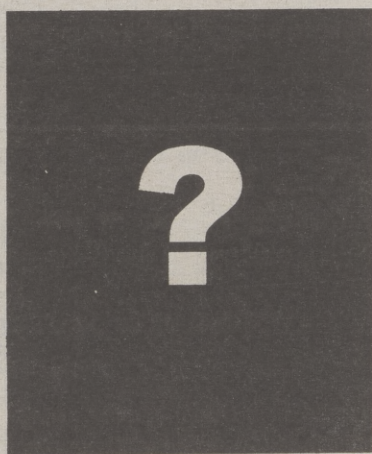
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